



Indiana Department of Education

Glenda Ritz, NBCT

Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Indiana Educators

FROM: Indiana Department of Education, Office of Educator Effectiveness & Licensing

DATE: Monday, September 21, 2015

SUBJECT: Grant supporting National Board Certification

Opportunity:

The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing is pleased to announce a first time ever grant to be awarded as scholarship or mentor stipend to assist Indiana educators who 1.) Are registered and will be working to become National Board Certified, 2.) Are teachers already in the process of pursuing National Board Certification or 3.) Are current National Board Certified Teachers who are willing to mentor teachers who are going through the certification process. All monies awarded will be paid no later than June 30, 2016. To learn more about National Board Certification, we invite you to view this video highlighting Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz, and fellow NBC teachers. [National Board Certified Teachers](#)

Benefits of taking part in this grant opportunity include:

- Assisting teachers in realizing their potential in the classroom and school wide.
- Professionalizing teachers within the district who are primed for leadership.
- Distinguishing teachers within the district who have met the highest standards as accomplished and effective.
- Creating strong, professional school communities where teacher leadership, learning and collaboration are strongholds.
- Elevating the number of NBCTs within districts, thus increasing the overall number statewide.
- Joining a network of teachers, along with current initiatives within the state, to increase Indiana's numbers of NBCTs.

Grant Options

Option 1: Teachers who will become or are in the process of becoming National Board Certified

Teacher candidates will need to:

- 1.) Create an account in [NBCMS](#).
- 2.) Submit the non-refundable \$75 Registration Fee.
- 3.) Complete registration.
- 4.) Select the component(s) that will be completed within the year.

- Refer to [First-time and Returning Candidates](#).
- Candidates will need the assigned NBPTS Candidate Identification Number to apply for this money by November 1, 2015
- Teacher candidates will enroll in a minimum of 1 component prior to being reimbursed for \$300.
*Last day for registration is January 31, 2016
- If more than 1 component is being taken, candidate will be awarded \$600. (maximum award)
- Indicate whether you know a current NBCT who will apply for mentorship or whether you will need to be paired with one.

Option 2: National Board Certified Teachers who are willing to mentor a candidate for NBCT

- Current NBCTs will apply to mentor a teacher beginning or already going through certification process.
- Award of \$500 per NBCT candidate, not to exceed 3 candidates within the calendar year 2016.
- Indicate whether you know a candidate who is seeking National Board Certification or whether you will need to be paired with one.
- Identify how your experience of obtaining certification would be beneficial to a candidate even if he/she is not seeking certification in the same licensure area.
- Verify participation in an upcoming training webinar(s).

Grant Information

- All Indiana teachers who qualify for National Board Certification are eligible.
- Complete the application found here: [The Application](#)
- After reviewing and evaluating applications:
 - IDOE will announce award recipients.
 - Contracts will be drawn up based on approved applications.
 - Monies will be distributed as reimbursement after verification of NBCT enrollment and the deadline date for withdrawal, January 31, 2016, has passed.
- Review the FAQ here

Application Procedure

Timeline: All applications must be received electronically by IDOE no later than Friday, November 6, 2015 5:00 PM EST. No exceptions will be made. Applications resulting in grant award may be posted on the DOE website. All applications/questions must be emailed to teacherleadergrant@doe.in.gov.

For more information

Join this conference call scheduled for Friday, October 16th at 4:00 PM EDT.

Call-in toll-free number: **1-877-422-1931**

Conference Code: **3950556518**